QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*contd.*

Reciprocal Arrangements between Mysore and British India *re.* Taxation on Buses.

Q.—13. **Mr. G. SANKARA SETTY** (Pavagada Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of taluks bordering the British territory in the State;

(*b*) the number of bus services running in the Mysore territory and the British territory as well;

(*c*) whether it has come to their notice that the proprietors of such bus services who pay double taxation are running at a loss;

(*d*) whether any correspondence is going on between the Mysore Government and the British Indian Government regarding the reciprocal conditions;

(*e*) if so, at what stage it is?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. J. Appaji Gowda).**—

(*a*) 33.

(*b*) 83.

(*c*) Government have no information.

(*d*) The question was under correspondence with the Madras Government.

(*e*) It is found not feasible to adopt any reciprocal arrangement as the basis of taxation and kind of taxes levied in Mysore and Madras are different and the question has, therefore, been deferred for the present.

Purchase of Rolling Stock by the Railway Department.

Q.—14. **Messrs. M. SIVABASAPPA** (Tiptur Taluk) and **C. BHASKARIAH** (Tiptur Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when did the M. & S. M. Railway Co. hand over the State Railways to the Mysore Government;

(*b*) whether after taking over charge, any new engines, bogies or waggons were purchased by the State Railway Department or were they got manufactured?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT for RAILWAYS (Rajasevaprasaktha B. T. Kesavaiengar).**—

(*a*) On 1st January 1938.

(*b*) Yes. The following stock was purchased after 1st January 1938:—

(1) 2 YD class engines (Metre Gauge).

(2) 2 tank engines (for 2'—6" Gauge).

(3) 1 bogie III class coach; and

(4) 15 covered bogie waggons.

Mr. M. SIVABASAPPA.—Has it not come to the notice of Government that very often the engines get disabled and the trains run late, causing serious inconvenience to passengers?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That there has been any serious inconvenience caused to passengers on account of engine troubles has not come to the notice of Government. But it has come to their notice that the rolling stock requires to be increased and attempts are being made to add to the stock.

Mr. M. SIVABASAPPA.—Has it come to the notice of Government that due to shortage of waggons they are not supplied to merchants when they want?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The member might know perhaps that the department had taken some waggons on hire from other administrations during special seasons.

Mr. M. SIVABASAPPA.—How many waggons have been taken on hire so far?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Waggons numbering from 10 to 100 had been obtained on hire for periods ranging from one week to a month, according as the demand for them arose.

Mr. M. SIVABASAPPA.—Is it a fact that 400 waggons have been taken on hire from the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Notice. But I may state that everything necessary is being done so that the interests of trade and commerce may not suffer.